

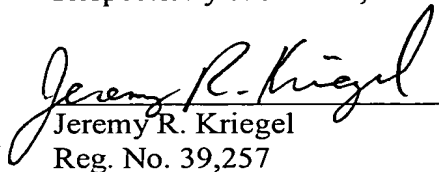
REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 16, 2004, the Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the species described in the Office Action as species (a), wherein "the wort guiding screen is conical, with tip of cone is upward." The claims that are readable on this elected species are claims 1-11 and 16-29. Claims 12-15 and 30 are therefore withdrawn, without prejudice. In the event a generic claim is ultimately considered allowable, the Applicants reserve the right to re-instate the non-elected claims in the present application. The Applicants also reserve the right to file one or more divisional application(s) while the present application is still pending on any of the non-elected claims.

Claim 2 has also been amended in order to delete "the" and substitute -- a -- before the language "free feed cross-section (S) of the wort".

It is believed that no fees are necessary in connection with the present Amendment. However, in the event any fees are due, kindly charge the cost thereof to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855.

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